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Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

**Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1: Communicable Disease Control: Exclusion of Enteric Cases and their Contacts from High Risk Settings Guidelines**

**Please replace the following section from the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 1: Communicable Disease Control: Exclusion of Enteric Cases and their Contacts from High Risk Settings Guidelines (October 29, 2020) with the Exclusion of Enteric Cases and their Contacts from High Risk Settings Guidelines (January 23, 2023).**

**The main changes are:**

1. Case definitions were updated to reflect implementation of culture-independent diagnostic testing and changes in lab workflow
2. Content has been added to provide guidance for exclusion of probable cases of STEC, shigella, and Vibrio spp. (PCR +ve and culture negative) in high risk settings.
3. Definition of a negative sample has been added for the purpose of microbiological clearance

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 604-707-2411 or [mayank.singal@bccdc.ca](mailto:mayank.singal@bccdc.ca).

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